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Work History

University of Missouri-Columbia, Assistant Professor, 2002-2005; Associate Professor 2005-
Texas A and M University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1999-2002
Stanford University, Acting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1998-9.

Education

Brown University, Ph.D. in Philosophy, 1998.
University of Texas at Austin, M.A. in Philosophy, 1992.
University of Notre Dame, B.A. in Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude, 1990.

Areas of Specialization

Epistemology
Metaphysics

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Language
Philosophy of Mind
Meta-Ethics

Publications

Book

Between Deflationism and the Correspondence Theory. Garland Dissertations in Philosophy, 2000.

Anonymously Refereed Journal Articles

- 1 "Memory and Epistemic Conservatism," forthcoming in Synthese.
- 2 "Knowledge and the Purely Epistemic: A Defense of Pragmatic Encroachment," coauthored with Jeremy Fantl, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, forthcoming.
- 3 "Four-Dimensionalism and the Puzzles of Coincidence," Oxford Studies in Metaphysics, forthcoming.
*Recipient of the Oxford Studies in Metaphysics Younger Scholar Prize for 2005.
- 4 "No Objects, No Problem: Nihilism and the Puzzles of Material Coincidence," The Australasian Journal of Philosophy, 83, 4: 57-86, 2005.
- 5 "What the Deflationist May Say About Truthmaking," Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, 66, 3: 666-688, 2003
- 6 "Deflationism and the Normativity of Truth," Philosophical Studies, 112, 1: 47-67, 2003.
- 7 "Evidence, Pragmatics, and Justification," coauthored with Jeremy Fantl, The Philosophical Review, 111, 1: 67-94, 2002.
- 8 "Rea on Universalism," Analysis 61: 69-76, 2001.

- 9 "The Concrete Modal Realist Challenge to Platonism," Australasian Journal of Philosophy, 74: 587-610, 1998.
- 10 "Proportionality and Mental Causation: A Fit?" Philosophical Perspectives, 12, Language, Mind, and Ontology: 167-176, 1998. (Submitted anonymously to Nous.)
- 11 "Van Inwagen on Universalism," Analysis, 58: 116-21, 1998.
- 12 "Quasi-Realism and the Humean Defense of Normative Non-Factualism," Philosophical Studies, 90: 113-27, 1998.
- 13 "Reply to Kovach," Mind 106: 581-6, 1997.
- 14 "Weak Deflationism," Mind 106: 69-98, 1997.

Invited Contributions, Book Reviews

15. "Temporal Parts" for Philosophy Compass, forthcoming.
16. "Propositions" for The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, published 2005.
17. 'Lynch on the Value of Truth," Philosophical Books, 46:4, 2005.
18. Critical Notice of Max Kölbel's "Truth Without Objectivity," Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 71.2: 491-4, 2005.
19. Review of John Hawthorne's "Knowledge and Lotteries," The Notre Dame On-Line Philosophical Reviews, August 2004.
20. Review of Andrew Newman's "The Correspondence Theory of Truth," Mind 2004.
21. "Scott Soames: Understanding Truth," Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, 65, 2: 410-7, 2002.
22. Critical Notice of Mark Balaguer's Platonism and Anti-Platonism in Mathematics, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 63, 1: 239-42, 2001.
23. Epistemology: An Anthology (Blackwell Philosophy Anthologies), Ernest Sosa and Jaegwon Kim, eds. (Malden, MA, Blackwell: 2000). Author of introductions for all ten sections. (I an editor for the 2nd edition.)

Papers in Progress

- "Is the Composition Dispute Verbal?"
- "A Defense of Ontic Vagueness"

Colloquium and Conference Papers

- "Pragmatic Encroachment and Fallibilism," presented at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, September 2006.
- "Is there a Knowledge-Praxis Link?" presented at University of Missouri-Kansas City, April 2006.
- "Memory and Epistemic Conservatism," SMU, November 2005.
- "Comments on Lynch's *True to Life*" for Pacific Division APA Author Meets Critic session, March 2005.
- "Four-Dimensionalism and the Puzzles of Coincidence," 2005 Kline conference on the metaphysics of identity; also presented at UMKC 2005.
- "Propositions," presented at St. Louis University, November 2004.
- "No Objects, No Problem," Bellingham Summer Conference on Philosophy, August 2004; earlier version presented at the Central States Philosophical Association, October 2003.
- "Comments on Glen Hoffman's "An Objection to Weak Deflationism"" APA Central Division Meeting, April 2004.

- “Intellectual Self-Trust and Epistemic Conservatism”, presented at UMSL, November 2003.
- “A Look at Two Anti-Evidentialist Constraints on Knowledge”, with Jeremy Fantl, presented at the Kline conference at MU, October 2003.
- “Temporal Overlap is Coincidence,” APA Central Division Meeting, April 2003.
- “Sticking with Conservatism,” University of Vermont, 2002
- “How (Not) to Argue for Four-Dimensionalism,” given at Yale, Santa Barbara, and the University of Missouri-Columbia.
- “A Pragmatic Element in Epistemic Justification,” given at University of South Carolina, Southwest Texas University, 2002.
- ‘Comments on York Gunther’s “Embodied Content”’ APA Central Division Meeting, April 2001.
- Doubts About Contextualism,” Northwest Conference on Philosophy, November 2000.
- ‘Comments on John Devlin’s “The Normativity of Truth”’ APA Central Division Meeting, April 2000.

Awards and Honors

- Recipient of Oxford Studies in Metaphysics Younger Scholar Award, 2005. I was one of two recipients for the 2005 prize.

University of Missouri

- Research Board Grant, 2004-5.
- Summer Research Fellowship, 2003

Texas A and M University

- Scholarly and Creative Enhancement Award, Summer 2000
- Center for Humanities Research Grant, Fall 2000.

Brown University

- Jukowski Family Dissertation Award, Humanities, 1998.
- Dyer Fellowship, 1996-7.
- Brown University Fellowship, 1992-1993.

University of Notre Dame

- Dockweiler Medal for “Best Undergraduate Paper in Philosophy”

Professional Activities

- Referee for Philosophical Review, Nous, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Philosophical Investigations, Philosophical Papers, Dialectica, and Dialogue.
- Assistant to the Editor of Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, 1997-8.

Departmental Service

University of Missouri

- Search Committee, fall 2005; fall 2006
- Graduate Program Advisory Committee, 2002-3, 2005-6
- Raise Policy Committee, 2003.

Texas A and M University

- Chair, Colloquium Committee, 2001-2002
- Graduate Advisory Committee, 2000-2002
- Steering Committee, 2000-1.
- Ad Hoc Committee to Revise Ph.D. Proposal, 2000.
- Member of Master's Thesis Committees (Six students).

Dissertation

Between Deflationism and the Correspondence Theory

Committee: Ernest Sosa, Advisor, Jaegwon Kim, and James Van Cleve

Teaching Experience

University of Missouri-Columbia

- Epistemology (graduate seminar)
- Ontology (graduate seminar)
- Metaphysics (graduate seminar)
- Metaphysics (undergraduate course)
- Introduction to Mathematical Logic
- Advanced Symbolic Logic
- Formal Logic
- Introduction to Ethics

Texas A and M

- Epistemology (graduate seminar)
- Epistemology (undergraduate course)
- Metaphysics (graduate seminar)
- Metaphysics (undergraduate course)
- Abstract Objects (graduate seminar)
- Recent British and American Philosophy
- Introduction to Logic

Stanford University

- Truth: Factual and Moral (graduate seminar)
- Epistemological Skepticism
- Realism and Anti-Realism in Ethics
- Philosophy of Language
- Introduction to Logic